

Missionaries Deny Anti-Mission Stand

PETAH TIQVA, Israel (BP)—Baptist leaders in Israel feel that the recent anti-Christian and antimission stance of this country's government has been exaggerated by local journalists, said Southern Baptist missionary Robert L. Lindsey.

Excitement surrounding the subject does not match the reality of Israel's feelings about Christians or Christian missionary activities, Lindsey commented in an interview at Baptist Village here.

"Government officials have recently assured Baptist leaders that no change in official attitude toward established churches is envisioned and that religious freedom will continue," Lindsey said.

Daughter Of Lewis Nobles Killed By Auto

The fifteen-year-old daughter of the president of Mississippi College, Suzanne Nobles, died Sunday afternoon after being struck by a car while riding a bicycle along a Clinton street, according to a report in Monday's Clarion-Ledger.

Police Chief Jimmy L. Dukes of Clinton said the mishap occurred about 2:30 p.m. near the south end of W. Lakeview Drive.

The Nobles girl died about an hour later at Hinds General Hospital.

Three cars were involved in the crash which also knocked a companion of the Nobles girl off another bicycle. The second girl, whose identity was not available, escaped injury, Dukes said.

The girls, who were southbound, officers said, when a car which had slowed on approaching them was hit in the rear by a second vehicle knocking the first car into the cyclists and a third car which was northbound.

The investigation of the mishap was incomplete and charges were still pending, Dukes said Sunday.

Officer Curtis Daniels and Sgt. Ken Coleman of the Clinton Police Department conducted the investigation.

The victim's father, Dr. Lewis Nobles, has been president of the Baptist college since the summer of 1968.

Prior to that time he was dean of graduate studies at the University of Mississippi.

Suzanne was a sophomore at Clinton High School and was a member of

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Day Camp Clinics Set For State

The Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Department will conduct three day camp clinics.

The dates and locations of each are as follows:

Tuesday, April 24, Pontotoc Associational Camp, Pontotoc; Thursday, May 10, Camp Garaway, Clinton.

An clinics will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. There are designed for church, associational leadership and interested persons desiring to provide a more meaningful mission learning experience through day camping this summer.

The unit being suggested this summer is on Alaska. Rev. Olyn Roberts, former home missionary to Alaska and now pastor of East Philadelphia Baptist Church, Philadelphia, will

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Church Must Help Family, Seminar Told

By Jim Newton

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP)—The American family is in trouble, beset with a cancer-like sickness that is eating away at its heart, and the church must concentrate its healing powers and energies on the family if it is to survive and grow into healthy maturity.

A battery of national experts on family life projected this common theme throughout a seminar on "A Future for the Family" sponsored here by the Christian Life Commission.

Almost all agreed that the family is not sick unto death. But the problem is critical, and unless an all-out attack is made not only by the church

but by the total social structure of the nation, the patient may never fully recover.

Over and over, speakers recommended the denomination's Christian Life Commission for structuring the seminar to deal with broad and inclusive aspects of the problem and its possible solutions. Observers pointed out that the record 704 participants from 25 states almost double the normal size of the annual seminar, was an indication of the extent of the pain caused by the breakdown of the family.

Possible solutions were as varied as the speakers themselves.

Harvard University theologian Harvey Cox, in two addresses to the conference, said society needs an entire new lifestyle for the American family.

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Cox identified the causes as isolation and fragmentation of the family resulting from pressures from society and culture, coupled with excessive expectations on the family espoused by culture, the media and the church.

Those interested in facing realistically the problems of the family in the future must work on these sources, and must not try to solve the problem by exhorting the family to improve itself, Cox argued. That's like blaming the victim for the crime, he said.

While Cox pleaded for changes in culture and society, most of the other speakers on the three-day program urged actions by individuals, couples,

and must get at the causes of the breakdown of the family.

Several speakers pointed to the church's special concern for the family, noting that the church is the only institution in the social fabric which deals with the whole family at all age levels, from birth through death.

Two of the major conference speakers, both nationally-known experts on family life, advocated the use of small groups of couples, and in some cases multi-generational groups, to develop interpersonal relationships between family members.

David Mace, professor of family sociology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C., urged participation in the so-called "marriage enrichment movement".

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Graham Sets New Records In South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Evangelist Billy Graham told the largest multi-racial group ever assembled in this nation that South Africa is "finding she can no longer live isolated from the rest of the world."

"This is just one of the many changes facing Africans on every side," he said at an evangelistic rally at Wanderers Stadium here. "While fashion and styles shift and while politics and laws change, God never changes," the evangelist emphasized in his final meeting in South Africa.

The American preacher spoke to an estimated 60,000, setting a new record for the sports arena in which the services were held. The previous high mark was 36,000 at a championship cricket match.

Graham stressed that the God who "so loved the world" loves black as well as white, red as well as yellow, rich as well as poor, educated as well as uneducated. The congregation he addressed included representatives of all the country's race and groups.

Black, brown and white were mingled throughout the crowd. They also worked together as volunteers helping to usher and counsel. In addition to being the largest multi-racial gathering ever held in the country, the rally was also the largest religious meeting ever held here.

When the evangelist gave the invitation to receive Christ at the end of the service, thousands walked to the platform area to indicate their profession of faith. Counselors speaking Afrikaans, English or Zulu were

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Pictured with Miss Marjean Patterson, state WMU executive secretary, are the officers for Woman's Missionary Union for the coming year. Pictured left to right are: Miss Patterson, Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president; Mrs. Carey Cox, Brandon, vice president; Mrs. Joel D. Ray, Hattiesburg, associate recording secretary; and Mrs. John Causey, Corinth, recording secretary.



President of two national Baptist conventions, along with their wives, are seen together at State WMU Convention last week. From left: Senor Jose Borras, of the Spanish Baptist Union; Owen Cooper, SBC; Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Borras.

Wood Opposes Tax Law Changes For Nonprofit Groups

WASHINGTON (BP)—James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, testified before the Ways and Means Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives in support of the existing law permitting tax deductions for charitable contributions.

Wood's testimony, which was well received and praised by a number of congressmen on the powerful committee, stressed the merit of tax deductibility for the broad range of nonprofit organizations and institutions. No special favors were asked for religious institutions as such.

As the top executive in the Baptist public affairs agency, Wood stressed that he was not speaking for any one Baptist or for all of them. However, he said, he represented the concerns of the Baptist Joint Committee, an agency sponsored by eight Baptist denominations in the United States, which had authorized him to present testimony before Congress on this matter.

The Baptist leader spoke also in behalf of the Baptist World Alliance in urging Congress to continue the present policy which frees churches and associations of churches from governmental control and supervision of their overseas operations and expenditures.

Five reasons were discussed by Wood for continuing the special tax status of nonprofit organizations.

1. Contributions to charitable organizations promote pluralism and voluntarism in public life. One of the genuinely unique features of American life is the reliance which our system has on both pluralism and voluntarism, Wood said. Such pluralism was engendered and is sustained by the principle of voluntarism by which people, individually and corporately, determine which of a broad class of charitable organizations, institutions and charities they will support.

2. Nonprofit organizations, institutions, and charities provide a substantial public service. Wood described the First Amendment prohibitions against government aiding directly or indirectly classes of people or organizations which are essentially religious or sectarian in their composition.

3. Tax deductibility of charitable contributions made without anticipation of direct personal or corporate gain is one type which can be justified, declared the Baptist executive.

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profit organizations, both public and private.

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Conferences Ready

For Workers With

Mentally Retarded

Mrs. Doris Monroe, consultant, Work with Exceptional Persons, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and author of the book, "A Church Ministry to Retarded Persons," will lead three sessions.

Mrs. Monroe is mentally retarded. A progressive type conference for all workers and other interested persons on a teaching program for the retarded in our churches will be as follows:

Monday night, April 16 — 7:00-9:00, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson.

Tuesday morning, April 17 — 9:45-12:00, Baptist Building, Jackson.

Tuesday night, April 17 — 7:00-9:00, First Baptist Church, Jackson.

The two night meetings are geared

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New Orleans Seminary Plans Expansion

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—In its annual meeting, the Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary approved a record \$1,846,223 budget, authorized new construction and major renovation projects on the campus, made a number of decisions relating to the school's faculty and administration, and elected a slate of officers for the year ahead.

The new budget provides for a 5.5 per cent salary increase for faculty members and \$25,000 in funds for the library to support the doctor of ministry degree program.

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means of reconciliation with his parents.

"The religious liberty situation in Spain has greatly improved during the past six years," Mr. Borras said. "As yet we do not have complete religious freedom, but we have a type of tolerance which makes it impossible for us to work and expand our Baptist cause. In an interview with the Governor of the Province of Madrid last year, I was told, 'We admire and respect you Baptists for your beliefs and your conduct.'"

God Glorified Around the World — Mrs. Vernon May of Louisville, president of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, introduced Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Cooper said, "There are nine times as many non-Christians in the world today as when Christ was on earth. Christians should repeatedly ask themselves the question, 'How many times do I want the gospel preached over and over to me until it is first preached to those who have it never heard it before?'"

He pointed out: "The leadership of the WMU for world mission support from Mississippi through the years recently reached a glorious climax when the state gave over one million dollars to foreign missions through the Little Moon Christmas Offering."

God Glorified Through Home Missions — at the morning session Wednesday, Dr. Thomas Starkes, Atlanta, director of the Interfaith Witness Department of the Home Mission Board, told the meeting, "No man can find God without being in contact with other human beings."

Dr. Starkes is author of the mission study book, *NO MAN GOES ALONE*. In the United States today Oriental and Eastern religions are spreading, and the number of sects that deviate from Christianity is rising. In his book, Dr. Starkes pointed out that in the midst of this pluralism, the Christian's role is "to bear witness and to be on mission across denominational and religious lines." He believes with the apostle Paul that the human agent is the key factor in any man's search for God and, in that sense, no man goes alone to Him.

Mrs. Jerry St. John, missionary to the deaf, and Mrs. Dolton Haggan, missionary to the Choctaws, represented home missions work in Mississippi.

God Glorified Through Mississippi Missionaries — offering taken during the convention, by ushers from Alta Woods Church, will provide a year's subscription to *Reader's Digest* for each Mississippi missionary family or each single Mississippi missionary. This is a gesture of appreciation from Mississippi women for the service of missionaries from this state.

Mississippi missionaries on program at the convention in addition to those already mentioned above include Rev. and Mrs. James Foster, the Philippines; Mrs. Ralph Davis, Ghana; Rev. and Mrs. Stanley



Above is Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis, daughter of the late W. C. Morgan, former director of the Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Mrs. Davis is pictured in authentic American Indian dress which she wore in a dramatic presentation emphasizing home missions.

Stamps, Ecuador; Rev. and Mrs. Art Compere, Nigeria; Miss Antonina Canzoneri, the Bahamas; Mrs. John Smith, Indonesia; Mrs. Raymond Kolb, Brazil; Mrs. Tom Barron, Indonesia; Mrs. Bob Holifield, Italy; Mrs. John McFadden, Nigeria.

Their topics followed the convention theme and included discussions on "God Glorified Through the Missionary Homemaker" and "God Glorified Through the Family On the Mission Field."

Mrs. Ralph Davis told how that a few years ago she and her family were



Special guests at a luncheon Tuesday were the mothers of Mississippi missionaries and the retired missionaries living in Mississippi. Pictured above are, in photo to left: Seated, left to right: Mrs. F. E. Foster, Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Mrs. Dale Williams, Mrs. J. A. Porter, Mrs. Lizzie Stamps; Standing, left to right: Mrs. W.



A. Whitten, Mrs. A. J. Merritt, Mrs. J. I. Rankin, Mrs. E. L. Parker; Mrs. Lewis Myers, Sr. Seated, left to right in photo at right: Mrs. R. L. Compere, Mrs. Earl Mitchell, Mrs. Martin J. Gilbert, Standing, left to right: Mrs. John Zachary, Mrs. James Bradley, Mrs. Hubert Magee, Mrs. C. C. Applewhite.



Special guests for the WMU Convention included Mrs. Ralph Davis, missionary to Ghana; Dr. Thomas Starkes, director, Department of Interfaith Witness, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Mrs. James Foster, missionary to the Philippines.



Miss June Whitlow, Education Division Director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, is pictured in front of the pulpit at Alta Woods Church.

Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain, is pictured with Mrs. Jerry Malone, Houston, Texas, who directed the singing for the WMU Convention.

compelled to leave Nigeria because of Biafran conflict. Then they prayed that God would send them back home to Nigeria. She said God sent them to the home and place of service he had ready for them. He sent them to Ghana and to a house made exactly like the one they had lived in, in Nigeria, even with the rooms painted the same color! So they felt that God had sent them home after all. She was wearing a head kerchief in the African style. The "hat," which would cost far more here in the States she said was bought for \$2 in Ghana. In the shop, the clerk had insisted she buy a form to fit under the head piece, for it would stand up and look better with the form underneath. After a great deal of discussion, she learned that the form only cost a nickel. So she bought it.

Because lace is a popular fabric in the Philippines, Mrs. Foster was wearing a long dress of green lace.

The feature of the evening session Tuesday was a panel of Mississippi missionaries relating how God works through them on the mission field. The panel included Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Tom Barron, Mrs. Raymond Kolb, Jerry St. John and Dolton Haggan. Mrs. Jose Borras from Spain also participated. Moderating the panel was Miss Marjean Patterson, and Edwina King.

state WMU executive secretary.

God Glorified Through Woman's Missionary Union" was the topic of guest speaker, June Whitlow, Education Division, WMU, SBC, Birmingham. Miss Whitlow is a Blue Mountain graduate.

God Glorified Through Song — at the beginning of each session, state WMU Board members (two from each of eleven districts), seated in the choir loft, sang the theme song, "To God Be the Glory." Mrs. Jerry Malone of Houston, Texas, who directed the congregational singing, closed each session with a vocal benediction. Against a background of slides on Africa, closing with a view of snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro, she sang "How Great Thou Art." For other solos, she chose "People to People," "Jesus Only," and "I Am Satisfied With Jesus."

Mrs. Jerry Talley of Jackson was organist and Mrs. Charles Myers, wife of the Alta Woods pastor, was organist for the convention. Lovely red-haired Melita Shoemaker was piano accompanist for the Clarke College Girls' Ensemble, the CC-ettes. The six girls, dressed in long blue and white - checked dresses, sang for two Tuesday sessions. They were Laura Bingham, Darby Moore, Jeanette Camp, Belinda Cross, Gloria Bishop, and Edwina King.

God Glorified Through You, God Glorified Through Bible Study, God Glorified Through Prayer, God Glorified Through Going and Giving, God Glorified Through Challenge — Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis of Dallas, Texas, presented a series of dramatizations on the tasks of WMU, with a different devotional emphasis given at each of five sessions. Mrs. Davis is the daughter of Mrs. W. C. Morgan of Jackson and the late W. C. Morgan, former director of the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. For each dramatization she dressed in the costume appropriate to the emphasis she was making or the story she was telling. For instance, when she talked of home missions she was dressed as the American Indian of earlier days.

In the opening session, the spotlight had stopped on Spain; in the closing session it came back to Spain, as Senator Borras brought a message on "God Glorified in Evangelism." But the beams of light reflected to the women in the sanctuary of Alta Woods Church as Mr. Borras said: "We have to tell the people that Jesus Christ is still the answer to men's problems. Each of us has a story to tell to the nations. Each of us has a Saviour to show to the nations. It is our privilege to tell. It is our responsibility."

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individuals (none of them Southern Baptist) which are strongly established in Israel. These are groups who have quietly attended to their own business and have never been particularly offensive to Jews.

One missionary surmised that the violence was really aimed at groups like the Jews for Jesus who had stirred the anger of extremists. But, he added, it draws bigger headlines to attack well-known institutions and individuals than to attempt to strike back at these smaller, less organized groups.

Similar disturbances regarding religion in Israel arose in 1963 and prompted Christian leaders to issue a joint statement. Lindsey, a missionary to Israel since 1944, represented the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries. Other groups participating were the Greek Catholic and Orthodox Churches, Latin Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Nazarene, Church of Scotland, and British Pentecostal.

The joint statement declared: "We do not exploit the economic situation of an Israeli citizen — his property, unemployment, inadequate housing or desire to emigrate — in order to induce conversion; faith in our eyes is a free gift of God and a disinterested response on the part of man."

Today's youth asks, "Who am I? What are the opportunities in church vocations? What are my talents and abilities? How can I join God in ministry through my job?"

How do we as Southern Baptists guide our youth to find the answers to these questions in light of their commitment to Christ? The observance of Life Commitment Month in April and Church Vocations Sunday, April 22, are two opportunities for churches to provide guidance for youth and young adults in finding answers to their questions.

Sponsored by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board, the theme for this April observance is "Equipping for Ministry in the World." This theme calls

attention to the "enabling and equipping" functions of church vocations.

"God calls every Christian to become the person that he or she has the capacity to become in the service of Christ," says Mrs. Alice Magill, vocational guidance specialist at the board. "Some are called for specific ministries, such as pastor, minister of education, teacher, or minister of music. All Christians are called to be skillful witnessing church members."

"It is the responsibility of churches to emphasize that all church members are ministers who are called to become what God intended them to be. Life Commitment Month and Church Vocations Sunday will help churches call attention to the equipping function of those serving in church vocations and to call youth and young adults to consider a church vocation for their lives."

Materials for the April observance

consists of a workbook, "Where Do I Go from Here: Work, Worship, Leisure," which is available in leader-guide guide and pupil's edition at Baptist Book Stores. It is a non-session study of the working world, the biblical basis for calling (vocations), a person's interests and abilities, the Christian's choice of work and the preparation for work. The price of the pupil's edition is \$2.16 and leader-guide guide is \$1.34.

Do something every day to make other people happy, even if it's only a smile.

Graham Sets --

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hand to assist those who came forward. The final rally sponsored by South Africa Youth for Christ, with the cooperation of hundreds of area churches, climaxed Graham's first visit to this nation.

It was disclosed here that he was initially invited to preach here 26 years ago. Daniel Mills of Capetown, an 88-year-old retired lawyer, was introduced as one of those who first invited the evangelist a quarter century ago. He was one of the founders of South Africa Youth for Christ and was a platform guest here. Graham expressed regret that he had waited until 1973 to accept the invitation. "Maybe," he explained, "this is God's moment." The current president of South Africa Youth for Christ, atomic scientist Lou Alberts, said in welcoming the American that he knew this was "the right time." The evangelist had refused previous invitations because he could not be assured that racial integration would be possible in the audiences.

His first South African rally in the port and resort city of Durban a week before the Johannesburg event was held in connection with a multi-racial Congress on Evangelism and Mission. Special government permission was obtained to hold all three of the integrated events.



COOPER RECEIVES CITATION

Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, (left), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was one of two outstanding Mississippians who received citations at the annual banquet meeting of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference held March 31 in Jackson. Presenting the citation was Bishop Joseph B. Brunini of the Roman Catholic Church. Looking on (at right) is the Right Rev. John M. Allin, Episcopal Bishop of Mississippi.

The Convention President Speaks

One of the most glorious services we, as Mississippi Baptists, are able to render is furnishing a home for boys and girls who have no home of their own. This is done at the Baptist Children's Village with Paul N. Nunnery as superintendent.

Each year at Easter, a very lovely and, to me, a touching thing takes place. Different people around over the state "dress a child at Easter." This is simply a program where a family, class, church, or group furnishes an outfit for those lovely children. This is indeed a worthy project and one that needs genuine response. No doubt, there is much joy and pleasure in doing something of this nature.

It was our privilege to have some of these boys and girls in our church for awhile. I was able to observe firsthand the effort that is put forth to care for them. "Dressing a child at Easter" can be a way of assisting Mr. Nunnery and his staff; therefore, I would encourage you to think about the matter very seriously. Then undergird the thoughts with sincere prayer. Talk it over in your home, or in your Sunday school class, or your church training group or somewhere. Then write Mr. Nunnery at Box 11308 for information. He will share with you the sex, size, and needs. It will be a blessing to you, to the child, and to society as a whole to do such a thing. — David Grant.

John Abernathy Dies; Emeritus Missionary

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (BP) — John A. Abernathy, 77, missionary to China, Korea and the Philippines for 40 years, died March 19 in a local hospital. Funeral and burial were to be held here March 22.

Hot Springs had been home for Dr. and Mrs. Abernathy since they returned from Korea in 1960. They retired from active service with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1961.

Abernathy was robbed by Chinese bandits, interned by the Japanese during World War II and interrogated by Chinese Communists.

LeFluer's Bluff CAR. She was the manager of the girls' basketball team and of the track team of the ninth grade and was a member of Junior High Beta Club. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Clinton.

Survivors are her parents; one sister, Sandra Nobles, a senior at Mississippi College; grandparents, J. C. Ford, Picayune, and Mrs. J. S. Nobles Sr., Clinton.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Wright and Ferguson Chapel with Rev. Bill Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, and Rev. Tom Douglas, Jackson, recent interim pastor, officiating. Interment was in Lakewood Memorial Park.

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by couples who are not having marital problems, but want to prevent problems from developing

Howard Clinebell, professor of pastoral counseling for the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif., endorsed participation in "growth groups" aimed at the personal growth of the family members in sensitivity to personal needs and problems.

At the close of one evening session, Clinebell led a group of six volunteers from among the conference participants in a demonstration of a growth group. The demonstration discussion centered on personal sharing by the group members on grief they had experienced recently. Numerous conference participants said it was the most moving and powerful moment of the entire seminar.

In addition to the use of small groups, the church itself must become involved in the renewal of family life, several speakers noted.

Randall Lolly, pastor of First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N.C., gave practical examples of what his congregation is doing to try to heal the hurts of the family on three different levels — community — wide, among a cluster of seven churches, and in his own congregation.

Lolly said the church had been active in organizing a Winston-Salem Family Life Council for the entire community, and had been instrumental in setting up a family life program for a cluster of seven churches, including Baptists, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist and Moravian congregations.

Not only did the conference speakers offer suggestions for improving family life, they dealt in depth with many of the problems facing the modern family.

In an address dealing with the problem of divorce, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Wayne Oates pointed out that discussion of divorce has been impossible for years in the Southern Baptist Convention because "there was nothing to discuss. In our minds the issues of divorce have been non-debatable."

Oates outlines a half-dozen principles in dealing with divorce, declaring at the outset that "we cannot turn the Christian faith into a legal system and impose our legalities on the whole populace. The teachings of Jesus on the problem of divorce," he said, "were aimed at persons who had chosen voluntarily to become whole-hearted disciples of Christ."

Another speaker, Purdue University professor of family life Wallace Denton, noted that ministers who receive

divorces are almost universally required to drop out of the ministry, especially among Southern Baptists.

"I think we need to reassess whether the pastor ought always to leave the ministry in the face of divorce," said Denton. "If this man has been a good pastor before the divorce, why should the divorce necessarily render him an incompetent pastor?"

Many ministers and their wives feel trapped in a marriage that is filled with the kinds of conflict, anxiety, and personal destructiveness that would otherwise lead to divorce were he not a minister, and hence they become marital hypocrites trying to project the image of a successfully married couple, Denton said.

In another session, a Christian Life Commission staff member urged Baptists to deal with myths about sex and race, saying "Jesus Christ is the

rock on which to smash all myths about sex and race" because Jesus shows us the fullness of humanity and teaches us how to be fully human.

Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of special moral concerns for the commission, noted that until recently, nothing has scared the church like dealing with sex, unless it is dealing with both race and sex. But this too is changing.

"At the deepest level, sexual and racial myths are based on a faulty perception of what it means to be human," Hollis added. "We humans cannot be fully understood in terms of anatomy or in terms of our skin color or hair texture. What we desperately need is Christian involvement in human liberation," Hollis said.

Both Hollis and Sarah Frances Anders, acting dean and head of the so-

ciology department at Louisiana Baptist College, Pineville, urged the liberation and emancipation of women, both in the home and the church.

Miss Anders pointed out that many women have been able to escape from the kitchen, but they have not found the freedom to feel at ease in man's world. Though women make up 40 per cent of the labor force, the salary gap between men and women today is greater than in depression years, she added. Less than 10 per cent of the doctors, law students, judges, and physical scientists, are women, she said.

Even in the church, Miss Anders noted, women are denied upper echelon leadership responsibilities. Southern Baptists may be the last to capitulate to the trend in other denominations toward ordination of women to the ministry, she said.

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Baptist Men Postpone Jerusalem Meet

WASHINGTON (BP) — The first World Conference of Baptist Men, originally scheduled for Jerusalem in November 1973, has been postponed for a year and moved to Hong Kong.

David Y. K. Wong, chairman of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, said that the decision to change the time and place was made by departmental officers after the BWA Administrative Committee asked for reconsideration of the previously announced plans.

The administrative committee, which met in Washington March 7-8, cited "prevailing conditions" as their reason for asking reconsideration. No further explanation was given, but observers indicated that both lag in registrations and recent political unrest in the Middle East were involved.

Along, an architectural engineer in Hong Kong, said that the focus of attention now will be given to expansion of a previously planned regional men's conference in Hong Kong in October 1974 and making it a worldwide meeting.

The announcement of the change was released from Baptist World Alliance headquarters offices in Washington.

Glorieta Site Of "Rocky Mountain Bible Conferences"

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

The cost of each conference is \$50 per person (two persons in a room) or \$60 (private room). This fee includes all meals, refreshments, room, linens, program, insurance and recreation. The price does not include tours. All guests will be housed in Chaperon Inn, Glorieta's newest hotel.

For reservations contact Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N.M., 87535. A \$1 non-refundable registration fee must accompany reservation requests.

Mrs. Maddry, Widow Of Board Leader, Dies

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — Mrs. Emma Parker Maddry, 93, wife of the late Charles E. Maddry, sixth executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died March 25 at a local nursing home following an extended illness.

A funeral service was to be held March 27 at the White Chapel Funeral Home here, with Earl M. Hall, pastor of Normandale Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to be in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, following a memorial service March 30 in the chapel of Foreign Mission Board headquarters.

The memorial service was to be much the same as one held following the death of Mrs. Maddry's husband in 1962.

Scheduled to officiate were Theodore F. Adams, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Richmond; Baker J. Cauthen, present executive secretary of the board; and George W. Sadler, emeritus board secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East.

Mrs. Maddry was a radiant Christian lady who shared with Mr. Maddry the responsibility of leadership in the Foreign Mission Board's life during days of great financial difficulty," commented Cauthen.

Middle East Baptists Send Missionaries

The Baptist conventions of Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt have agreed to send two Arab missionaries to each of three countries, Morocco, Tunisia, and Syria.

According to the Information Service of the Evangelical Alliance, which reports the decision, the missionaries will follow up with personal care on contacts made through evangelical broadcasts in Arabic via Trans World Radio, Monte Carlo, and Radio Cyprus. EBPS.

Centenary Celebration, Birth Of Clarence Dickinson

Carey To Be Scene Of Church Music Festival

The campus of William Carey College will be the scene, on April 26 and 27, of a Church Music Festival sponsored by state and national agencies representing the denominational bodies, musical guilds, and educational institutions. Church musicians, ministers, and college teachers from throughout the nation will be present for a series of workshops, recitals, historical papers, and concerts by teachers and musicians of international reputation.

The Festival will be the official

centenary celebration of the birth of Clarence Dickinson, former Dean of the School of Church Music of Union Theological Seminary and founder of the American Guild of Organists. William Carey College has been selected as the recipient of the manuscripts, personal papers, and libraries of Clarence and Helen Dickinson. The memorial library of over 5,000 books on music, theology, and art will be officially opened to the public during

a memorial service led by the Rev. George L. Knight, pastor of Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, New York.

Church musicians from Mississippi and surrounding states will attend workshops led by Buryl Red, prominent composer and conductor, and G. Avery Lee, pastor of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church of New Orleans.

Robert Baker, Dean of the School of Church Music of Union Theological Seminary will present an organ recital on Thursday evening. The Carey College Chorale, under the direction of Donald Winters, will present a program of traditional and contemporary sacred music as the final musical event of the workshop.

On Friday afternoon, four eminent historians will present a series of papers on church music in America. Robert Stevenson, author of *Protestant Church Music in America*, Gilbert Chase, music critic and author of

America's Music, and E. A. Wienandt chairman of Graduate Studies at Baylor University and author of Choral Music of the Church and T. W. Dean,

Dean of the School of Music at Hardin-Simmons University will dedicate their papers to Dr. Dickinson in honor of his work as author and educator. The papers will be published after the Festival in a memorial volume edited by James C. Downey.

Church musicians, pastors, and educators are invited to attend the Festival which is sponsored by the School of Music of William Carey College, the Hattiesburg Civic Arts Council, the South Mississippi Chapter AGO, the Mississippi Arts Commission, the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the American Guild of Organists, and the Hymn Society of America. Advance registration forms may be obtained from the School of Music, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Ms 39401

Rev. & Mrs. Peyton M. Moore, missionaries to Vietnam, may now be addressed at Baptist Mission, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96620. Moore is native of Meridian, Miss., she is the former Celia Torres of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Doug Kellum, missionary journeman, may now be addressed at Box 134, Danang, Vietnam. A Mississippian, Kellum was born in Clarksdale and grew up in Tutwiler.



The Bobby Cooper family, members of Westwood Church, McRae, were awarded Sunday School perfect attendance pins on March 4 representing 28 years of Bible Study. Two of the children, Sheila and Dennis, both in Youth Department, received seven-year pins; Gary, in Children II Department, received a five-year pin; their father, Children II Department director and a deacon, received a five-year pin and Mrs. Cooper, teacher in the Children I Department, received a four-year pin. They are shown in the picture receiving the pins from Wayne Gray, the Sunday School director. Rev. W. Buford Usry is the pastor.

Wood Opposes Changes

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contributions does not involve government subsidy. Wood discussed at length the difference between subsidies and tax deductions. "Subsidy is pecuniary aid provided by government," he observed.

"Tax deductions, on the other hand, represent not government sponsorship of religious and charitable organizations but the accommodation of government to the sponsorship of such organizations by those individual citizens who have voluntarily chosen, out of their particular interests, to undertake such sponsorship.

"By their very nature, subsidies are necessarily more narrowly prescribed and controlled than tax deductions," Wood continued.

"The amount of a subsidy is determined by the government providing it, while the amount of tax deductions is dependent upon the voluntary contributions made by millions of individuals to charities and nonprofit institutions of their own choosing," Wood said.

4. The removal of tax deductibility of charitable contributions would reduce substantially public services presently available. Wood maintained that though government cannot con-

stitutionally grant aid directly or indirectly to religious groups. It can and presently does encourage voluntary contributions to tax-exempt organizations which provide a number of public services.

"The diminishing of any of these services would inevitably place a heavier burden on government or reduce the services presently available."

Wood claimed further that the elimination of tax deductibility of charitable contributions would unavoidably and significantly reduce contributions now being made voluntarily to charitable organizations.

5. Uniform tax incentives to encourage charitable contributions provide equitable treatment within the nonprofit sector. As an example of this, Wood noted that no favored treatment of religion is provided in tax deductions for charitable gifts.

Wood maintained that tax deductions meet constitutional requirements since no favored treatment of religion is provided for in the law. Also the law permits gifts of a wide spectrum of groups, secular or nonsecular, public or private, which provide a variety of services.

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to those who now teach the retarded.

Each night will include one hour of

observation of an actual teaching session with the retarded, and one hour of evaluation.

The day session is especially de-

signed for pastors, other staff members, and others interested in a beginning ministry or upgrading existing departments.

The conferences will be sponsored by the Church Training Department and directed by Miss Evelyn George, associate.

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youth. A 1972 graduate of Clarke College, he is now

a junior at William Carey College.

Prior to going to Oak Hill, he served as accompanist

for Church Music Evangelist J. B. Betts and for the Trailsmen Quartet.

He also served as minister of music at

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Tulane University, will be on campus April 5 and 6, while Dr. Huston Smith, chairman of the Department of Philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will appear on April 11.

The Forum theme will be "Genetic Engineering: Its Scientific and Ethical Implications."

Dr. Volpe's public appearance will be at 8 p.m. on April 5 in Room 210 of Self Hall. Dr. Smith's public address will be at 8 p.m. on April 11 at the same location.

Rev. Charles Dampeer on March 18, celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of Easthaven Church, Brookhaven. The church honored Mr. and Mrs. Dampeer by presenting them with a silver service set. Paul Wilson, chairman of deacons, pointed out some of the highlights of Dampeer's ministry: construction of \$125,000 educational building; total additions 403; budget increased from \$42,500 to \$63,000; total receipts \$297,123.43; kindergarten ministry begun; bus ministry begun.

Two recognized scholars in the field of science and philosophy will highlight the Mississippi College Spring Forum set for April 5, 6, and 11 under the sponsorship of the Division of Science and Mathematics, with assistance from the Division of Religion. Dr. Peter Volpe, chairman of the Department of biology at

Day Camps - - -

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provide mission background material at each clinic.

Unit presentations will be made on Eskimos by Mrs. Frances Smira; Indians by Mrs. Olyn Roberts; and Big Cities by Miss Thelma Williamson.

Bob Sessions, a consultant from the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will appear on program at the Camp Garrya clinic only.

Associations and churches are encouraged to enlist their day camping leadership now and afford them the opportunity of attending the Day Camp Clinic nearest them.

There was this husband who insisted on fixing everything himself. After repairing the cuckoo clock his wife noticed the bird backed out, looked up, scratched his head and asked, "What time is it?"

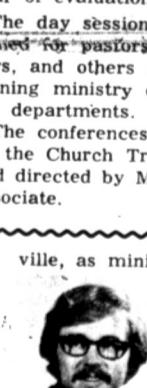
More people would use seat belts if manufacturers could devise some way of spraying them on.

Names In The News

Dr. Grady C. Cothen, president of New Orleans Seminary, has left New Orleans for a two and one-half week tour of Europe which will climax with the Assembly of the Baptist European Military Personnel in Berchtesgaden, Germany, April 16-20. Dr. Cothen will be addressing the military assembly daily at the invitation of the European Military Commission through Admiral James Kelly of the Home Mission Board's Chaplains Commission.

Freddie Byrd and J. R. Crain were recently ordained as deacons at Mt. Zion Church in Rankin County. Rev. Guy Gray preached the ordination sermon and Rev. Kenneth Harrison gave the charge. Rev. Harold McClendon is the pastor.

Benny Still has accepted a call to the Oak Hill Church, Poplar-



ville, as minister of music and youth. A 1972 graduate of Clarke College, he is now a junior at William Carey College.

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EDITORIAL

Preach The Word

As these words are written your editor is on a plane, returning from a Bible Conference in North Carolina. For the past week he has been speaking daily in leading a church in a special Bible study. Each evening, large congregations, with most of the people having open Bibles in their hands, have joined in study of the Word of God, with the week's study centering on prophecy. This was not an evangelistic crusade, but a Bible Conference, having as its main purpose the strengthening of the spiritual life and doctrinal understanding of church members.

Last week, in Memphis, thousands of persons gathered for a great Bible Conference promoted by the Sunday School Board of the SBC. Many Bible study leaders led in the conferences, and the whole meeting was just what it was set to be — a Bible Conference.

During the first months of each year thousands of Southern Baptist churches join in what is called the "January Bible Study" and hundreds of thousands of people participate in the study.

At the present time home Bible study classes are springing up in many places, and large numbers of individuals, especially women and young people, are sharing in new understanding of their Bibles.

All of this is in addition to the regular programs of Bible study through the Sunday School, the Vacation Bible School, other church organizations, and from the pulpit.

All of it reveals the Bible centered emphasis of Southern Baptists and Southern Baptist churches, but also shows the hunger for Bible knowledge now being manifested by so many Christians.

How wise our convention and our churches are in encouraging this interest in Bible study and in promoting it. After all, ours is a Bible centered faith, and we have a Bible based commission. Moreover, it is the Bible

which reveals the way of salvation, and which provides the meat for spiritual growth.

The Scriptures clearly say "Preach" the Word, and "Teach" the Word, and also "Study to show thyself approved unto God" — rightly dividing the Word of truth."

Never have we seen among Southern Baptists, or other conservative Christian groups, such a hunger for Bible knowledge. More people appear to be reading their Bibles, and seeking Scriptural understanding, than we ever have known in a long ministry.

What a challenge this is to pastors and church leaders to provide a Bible centered program of preaching, teach-

ing and study. Waiting congregations will welcome a pulpit ministry that opens the Word of God, and presents its message. Sunday schools will grow when they are Bible centered, and diligently reach out for people to bring them under faithful teaching of the Word. Men and women and boys and girls are very likely to be brought to Christ when they are taught the glorious truths of God's Word.

This must be our continued and enlarged Southern Baptist ministry. It is the one solid foundation of continued growth and strength for the denomination. Let is never be said of our convention that our people experience a "famine" for the Word of God.

A Good Church Library

Churches should have libraries.

Those already having libraries should endeavor to make them good or better libraries.

A good library is a service agency for the church. Church members and organizations need the ministry of such an agency.

A good library is good books, but is much more. It is resource materials, visual aids, music, and other ministries.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention long has recognized the importance of the library in the church ministry, and through its efforts millions of Baptists have had good books and other library materials made available to them.

Next week Southern Baptists join in educational, civic and other leaders in observing National Library Week. The dates are April 8-14. Recognition is being given to all types of libraries, and library programs. Libraries are essential in the life of a literate people. Although they long have existed, nev-

er have they been needed more or have given greater service than today.

Churches and church people should fully support the library programs whether they be city, community, school, church or other.

National Library Week is a time when public attention is focused on the library and its ministry. Every Christian can share in supporting the emphasis, and thus make a contribution to the welfare of the whole community.

At the same time churches can give special attention to the matter of providing good church libraries for their people. The church library provides special types of books and other materials for the congregation and for the organizations. These are needed both for a well rounded Christian reading program and also for stronger organizational ministries.

National Library Week provides a splendid time not only to support libraries in general but also for doing something about upgrading and strengthening church libraries, and securing new ones.

NEWEST BOOKS

TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE AGES by G. N. Georgano (McGraw-Hill, 311 large pp., \$20.00) This is one of those classic volumes telling the story of the development of man's modern possessions. It is the story of transportation. Beginning with the pre-machine age the book shows the developments that have come through the ages. All phases of transportation developments are presented with sections on roads, rails, ships, canals, and aviation. The book includes hundreds of illustrations with many in full color, and includes the text which tells the story of man's development of each invention for travel which has come into his possession. One can browse through the book for hours, fascinated by the story which it tells. He also can do research into how those things which we consider as commonplace came into existence and were developed. It is part of the story of how man came to the almost miraculous type of living which he has today.

THEY CALL ME COACH by John Wooden as told to Jack Tobin (Word, 192 pp., \$5.95) John Wooden is the coach of the brilliantly successful UCLA basketball team. Here in his own words he tells something of his life and also of the philosophy which has brought him to the imminent success of his present day position. The book presents a pyramid of success. The principles presented in this pyramid are worth the price of the book since they probably can be applied to any problem of life. The book also tells many details about the men and seasons which have marked the success at UCLA.

CHRIST AND CONTEMPORARY CRISSES by W. A. Criswell (Crescendo, 79 pp.)

Each year Dr. W. A. Criswell delivers a series of messages at Easter time in a downtown theater. This practice was started by Dr. Truett in 1917 and has been continued from that time until now. In recent years the programs also have been presented on television. The 1972 messages were delivered at the Majestic Theater, which is located only a short distance from First Baptist Church. The subject was Christ and Contemporary Crises and Dr. Criswell's messages were on Christ and the State, War, Modern Science, Communism, and Death. In a beautifully bound book, the publishers have preserved these messages just as they were preached. In them Dr. Criswell speaks out of his heart on crises of our day.

COMMENTARY ON LUKE by Ray Summers (Word, 338 pp., \$8.95) Dr. Ray Summers is a former seminary professor who now is Chairman of the Department of Religion at Baylor University. He is noted as one of Southern Baptist's outstanding New Testament scholars. He says that the book of Luke presents Jesus as the Universal Savior. A small amount of space is given to the introduction, but most of the book presents a verse by verse, word by word, commentary on the entire book. Every verse is discussed with special attention being given to major truths. While the book is given by a scholar, it will be excellent for the use of both preachers and laymen. It should be available both in study of the book of Luke and in preparing to preach from it or teach it. This is sound conservative scholarship presented in popular form.

THE COLONIALS TAKE TWO — The Colonials (Crescendo, Stereo, CCR 7235) The Colonials are a trio of singing men who live in Jackson, Miss. They are Tom Laramore, Bill Clark and Don Legg. Only Tom is a full time musician, but often in revivals which he holds as an evangelistic singer, he is joined in at least one service by Bill and Don. All three sing, but Bill also is the pianist. Their repertoire covers all types of religious music, but this record is a collection of their "gospel" songs, in which they sing ten numbers. Their music is a smooth blending of outstanding voices, and they sing with their own distinctive style. The music is from their hearts, sung in warmth and spiritual power. They have been heard in many areas of Mississippi, and now have assembled a group of their most popular songs in this new album. Included are "Sweeter Gets the Journey," "I Know," "The Next Stoj," "Redemption Draweth Nigh," and six other numbers.

THE KING IS COMING by Doug Oldham (Impact, Stereo HWS 3087) One of the most popular new songs of today is "The King Is Coming," and the arrangement and rendition on this album is one of the most stirring we have heard. Soloist is Doug Oldham, and the choir is from the Thomas Road Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Va. The title song is worth the price of the record, but the album includes a number of other outstanding numbers. Included are such old songs as "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," "Face to Face," and "The Holy City." Less familiar numbers include "City of God," "Getting Ready Today," and "Jesus Is Coming Soon." There are other numbers both old and new. This is an outstanding album.

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC — Anita Bryant (Word, WST 8571 LP Stereo) Anita Bryant is one of America's most popular and beloved singers and entertainers. At the same time she is an outstanding Christian whose witness never falters. Her best known and most widely used solo is "Battle Hymn of The Republic." Who can ever forget how she sang it to a worldwide audience from the Super Bowl a few years ago. In this album she sings that number, but in a testimony of patriotism she sings other favorite songs of Americanism. Included are the Star Spangled Banner, My Country 'Tis of Thee, God Bless America, America the Beautiful, God of Our Fathers and others.

IN THE SWEET BY AND BY — Roy and Dale Evans (Word — WST — 8589 — LP Stereo) Roy and Dale Evans are among America's most beloved Christian Western stars. They have witnessed for Christ with their words and with their music. This album includes such songs as the title song, "Softly and Tenderly," "Peace in the Valley," "The Cowboy's Prayer," "Whispering Hope" and others.

THE KING IS COMING — J. T. Adams and the Men of Texas (Word — WST — 8593 — LP Stereo) J. T. Adams and the Men of Texas are known far and wide for their presentation of the gospel message in song. They have made numerous records and this new one includes some of their most popular numbers such as "I'll Tell the World," "Re-

deemed," "He Touched Me," "Stranger of Galilee," and the "King Is Coming." Included are some spirituals. Those who have enjoyed these Texas singers on earlier records or in person, will rejoice in their new album.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL — Fred Lowery, the Blind Whistler (Word, WST-8563-LP Stereo) This widely known blind man who in a lifetime of personal training has mastered the art of whistling as few other men ever have done, whistles some of the most beloved hymns and gospel songs, plus three other favorite old numbers. He is accompanied by an organist and pianist. Included are such numbers as "All Hail the Power," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Amazing Grace," "The Pearly White City," and such others as "America the Beautiful" and "Danny Boy."

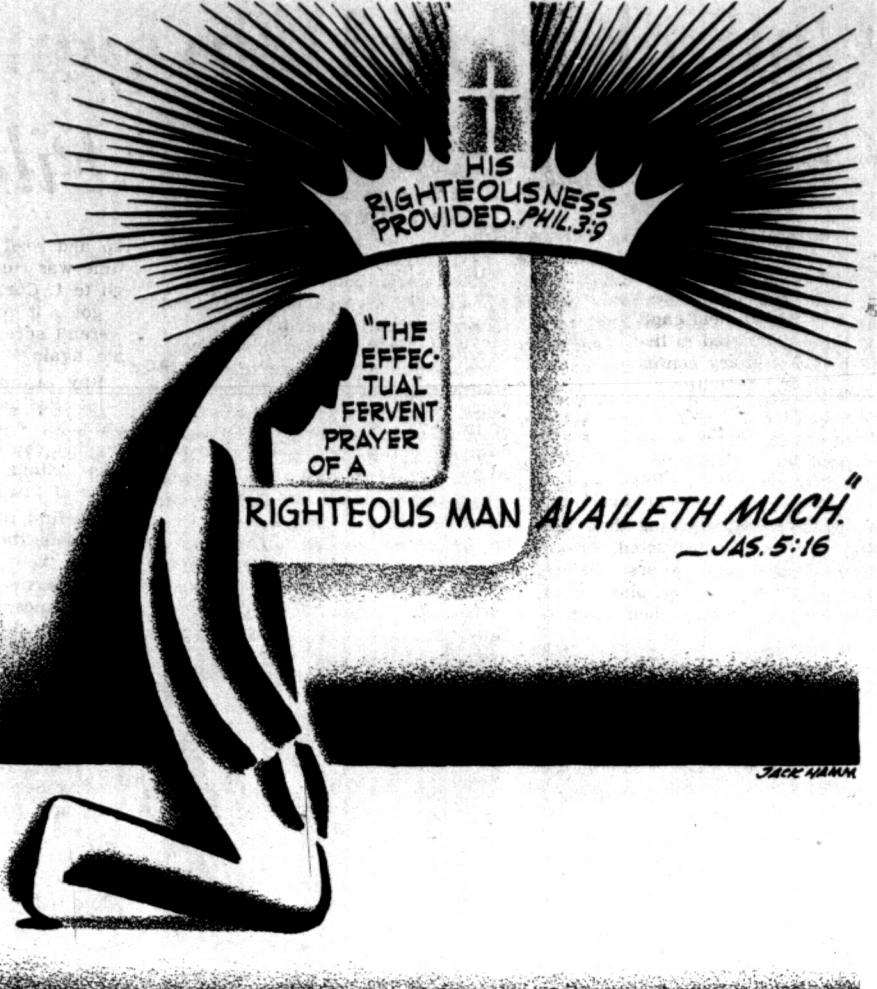
THE PIANO ARTISTRY OF GLORIA ROE (Word — WST — 8592 — LP Stereo) This keyboard artist has played across America, and has used her talent as a witness to God and his grace. She is especially loved by young people and youth. In this album she plays such numbers as "Jesus Shall Reign," "Blessed Assurance," "How Great Thou Art," "I Never Walk Alone," "God Leads His Dear Children Along," and others. This is an outstanding instrumental album.

I CAN SING ABOUT MY JESUS — Willa Dorsey (Word — WST-8577-LP Stereo) A talented black singer who sings about Jesus, sings from her heart about the Lord she loves. She interprets the songs in her own way, with the swing and feeling of the old time Negro. Some of the songs are familiar ones such as "The Old Rugged Cross," "Blessed Assurance" and "Jesus Loves Me." Others are spirituals or similar music.

ITS COOL IN THE FURNACE — Buryl Redd and Grace Hawthorne (Word, WST-8580 — LP Stereo) A children's musical about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Story and music of the famed men in Daniel's historical record. A children's mini-choir and actors playing the part of Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar share in the presentation. An outstanding presentation of a great Bible story, that will bring the story to life for the children.

SO LONG JOEY — Dave Boyer (Word, WST 8594 LP Stereo) Original music sound track from the gospel films production "So Long Joey." This film tells the story of the conversion of a night club master of ceremonies who sank into a drunken, doped up character, who finally contemplated suicide. Instead the young man found Christ, and became a mighty witness for the Lord. His life story was made into a film, which included eleven musical numbers, which are presented in this album.

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW'S SUNRISE — The Music of Aimee Semple McPherson (Word — WST 8601 LP Stereo) Aimee Semple McPherson was one of the most colorful religious leaders of the second quarter of this century, and built her own church or denomination. She not only was a preacher but also was a musician and wrote numerous songs for use in her services. In this album Word has asked some outstanding musicians to reproduce that music.



Successful Prayer

On The MORAL SCENE...

In London it remains safe to walk just about anywhere, day or night. The crime figures for London and New York in general are staggeringly different. Consider the four principal crimes against the person, categories roughly comparable in the two countries. These were the total numbers reported in 1972:

Murder	113	1,691
Rape	135	3,271
Robbery	3,167	78,271
Assault	7,861	37,139

(By Anthony Lewis, The New York Times News Service, March 12, 1973)

A study of children of alcoholics, adopted and raised apart from their biological parents, indicates heredity may play a critical role in development of alcoholism. The study was conducted in Denmark by the Washington University Department of Psychiatry.

It involved a comparative survey of two groups of adopted children, now adults, and all men, because the incidence of alcoholism is much lower among women, the author said. The two groups of adoptees included 55 men who had at least one biological parent who was hospitalized for alcoholism. These were compared for drinking habits with 78 men whose biological parents had no history of alcoholism. The children of alcoholics "had nearly four times the alcoholism rate as did the control group," (the 78 men with non-alcoholic parents), the study showed.

(By Susan Fogg, Newhouse News Service, March 7, 1973)

EDUCATION....what's happening

Educational Institutions Train Missionaries

Southern Baptist colleges have trained 2,486 foreign missionaries according to a recent paper prepared by the research staff of the Jenkins Library of the Foreign Mission Board.

When Luther Rice made his famous tour through the South, he urged Baptists to establish schools for training Christian leadership. Furman, Mississippi College, Georgetown, Mercer, the University of Richmond, Wake Forest, Samford, and Judson were already flourishing institutions when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

Most of the outstanding Southern Baptist missionaries were trained on Baptist college campuses. One of the best examples is the story of Matthew T. Yates, who left the campus of Wake Forest College to become one of the great pioneer missionaries in opening China.

Leaders in the number of missionaries produced include Baylor University with 370, Oklahoma Baptist University with 176, Carson-Newman College with 127, Samford University with 130.

Southern Baptist theological seminaries have an even more impressive record, having trained a total of 2,524. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary leads with 1,182, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is second with 646.

The Southern Baptist Convention long ago developed three thrusts which have been central ever since: missions, evangelism, and education. These three go together.

Statistical reports for 1972-73 in Baptist colleges and seminaries show a sizeable increase of enrollment of ministerial students and other vocational Christian workers.

As indicated by quiet campuses, today's college students are more interested in their studies than in protest demonstrations. Now it appears that this year's freshmen are also a little more conservative than their predecessors.

Last week the American Council on Education released the results of a survey of 188,900 freshmen at 373 schools across the country. It found that nearly 48% described themselves as middle-of-the-road, and 16.6% said they were conservative, up slightly from a year ago. The number of those who feel that the Federal Government is not doing



A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

It really isn't important that a person have the last word, but it is important what the last words are.

Bereaved ones cherish last words, remembering, "That's the last thing he said to me." Meaningful ceremonies contain important last words, "I pronounce that they are man and wife. What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

Parents, lamenting the consequences of a child's disobedience, say, "The last thing I told him was . . ." Husbands and wives find themselves with broken hearts and threatened marriages because they allowed an argument to progress to last words of unforgettable harshness.

On a happier note, the last words in such events as prize fights and beauty contests signify victory, "The winner!" A good night's sleep is likely to follow in homes where the last words at night are words like, "I love you — I hope you sleep well — call me if you need me."

Safety people insist that drivers are less likely to cause wrecks when the last words they speak and hear before leaving home are kind, pleasant words.

Whether sad or happy, major or minor, every occasion had its last words. However, a more important approach to words may be that everyone involved have a chance to speak his words, knowing they'll be heard with human dignity on both sides.

Human dignity means that a person may feel himself to have value enough that he is not apologetic for himself and insecure about himself, that what he can think, speak, and do within his abilities will be acceptable and will make him accepted.

Many famous people are remembered for their last words. Among the most life-changing are some which an agonizing voice spoke many years ago, "It is finished." These were the words. The speaker was Jesus. His mission in life had been to die. The last breath He would soon draw would finish his life.

His last words might have been, "Father, I have changed my mind. I cannot finish this. Send angels to loose me from the cross." But they weren't. They were the words He knew from before the beginning of time that He would one day say, "It is finished."

I cannot understand it all, nor can I prove it. But I have felt the Presence of God in my life often enough to know it is true. Last words. They rarely are last words — they seem to keep coming to our minds. Address: Box 9151, Jackson 39206.

enough to promote school desegregation declined three points to about 48%. More than half think the courts are too concerned with the rights of criminals, compared with 48% the year before. The survey also found that more freshmen smoke cigarettes (up about four points to 20%), fewer drink beer (down ten points to 50%) and more think marijuana should be legalized (46% against last year's 39%). Additionally, more hope to join fraternities or sororities (17%).

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POWs Created "Living Bible" From Memory, Baptist Pilot Says

By Larry Jerden

CONROE, Tex. (BP) — When Capt. James E. Ray and other American prisoners of war held captive in Vietnam were permitted to live in groups rather than solitary confinement, one of their major activities was the creation of a "living Bible."

Theirs was not the paraphrase version which was becoming a best-seller back in the United States. Few of them even knew of its publication.

They were busy creating their own "living Bible," reconstructed from verses memorized years before, mostly in Sunday School, plus occasional use of a Bible their captors would allow them to see.

"Under a lot of pressure, the Vietnamese decided to let us have a Bible one hour a week," Ray recalled in an interview with the Baptist Standard shortly after his return to his home in Conroe, Tex.

As a special project, the POWs had decided to try to copy and memorize the entire Sermon on the Mount, Ray said.

"The project did fine for about three weeks, and then the 'V' (North Vietnamese) would start throwing a 'monkey wrench' into it."

"For example," he said, "you would go out to copy (the Bible) for one hour, and the interrogator would put his elbow on the Bible for the first 15 minutes. Then after he let you start copying, he would ask you mundane questions and try to distract you."

"I'd just ignore him and write as fast as I could," Ray noted. To make matters more difficult, the Vietnamese made the prisoners return the sheet they had copied the previous week when they went back to copy more verses from the Bible. "So the only way we could keep it would be to put it in our 'memory banks' or copy it on something clandestine," he said.

"After five weeks, the program fell through completely, and we didn't see the Bible again," he added. But during that time the prisoners had copied and memorized the entire Sermon on the Mount, and several other passages.

The prisoners each tried to memorize different passages, so that they could refer to one another to prisoners who knew certain scriptures.

"We had our own 'living Bible' walking around the room," Ray said. Like several other returning POWs, Ray said he felt that his faith, and the prayers of his family and church, were major factors bringing him through his ordeal.

"Growing up in a Southern Baptist church, having parents who not only taught the Christian disciplines but set the example, the tremendous fellowship in First Baptist Church, Longview (Tex.) where I grew up and in First Baptist Church, Conroe, established a training and discipline which were great sustaining forces," Ray confided.

Ray mentioned specifically the training he received as a child in the Sunday School, Training Union, Royal Ambassadors and Vacation Bible School, with their emphasis on Bible study and memorization.

Saying he never realized at the time the depth of meaning of memorizing those verses, Ray stated: "In reality, the fullest depth of their meaning was not discovered until I was in prison and understood that you have to have something that is meaningful taken away to value it and appreciate it."

"The enemy tries to deny you anything to occupy your mind and time," he pointed out. "Your only resources are your mental resources."

What you have in your mind is what sustains you."

A prisoner for nearly seven years, Ray, like other POWs, spent the first couple of years of his imprisonment in solitary confinement.

Despite the "physical and mental duress" applied by his captors, the loneliness and depression of that solitary confinement often would disappear, he recalled.

"For some reason, I suddenly felt I wasn't alone," he remembered. "I don't know whether it was the power of prayer or an intervention by God. There is nothing physical you can

do to help you, but when you experience something like that, it is real to you."

It was the power of prayer Ray felt, it came as no surprise to the members of First Baptist Church here. They had been praying for the 31-year-old Ray ever since they received word that on Mother's Day of 1966, Ray's F-105 had been shot down over North Vietnam and exploded 30 seconds after he ejected.

Ray was captured immediately. For three years, he was listed as missing in action until his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray Sr., of Conroe, were notified he was alive.

Their faith never wavered. "We believed James was coming home from the beginning," they said. During weekly Monday morning prayer sessions, Sunday worship services, and daily periods of prayer by countless members of the church, Ray's name was mentioned.

In addition to the strength coming from the prayers of people at home, Ray said the prisoners, even while in solitary confinement, would whisper scripture verses and other morale-sustaining words of encouragement when the guards were not around.

Recalling one such instance, Ray said that the prisoner in the adjacent cell, a Catholic, asked if he knew any Bible scriptures. Both knew the Lord's Prayer, and reviewed it together.

"Then I said, 'Hey, do you have the 23rd Psalm?'" Ray recounted. "He said he knew part of it, but wanted to go over it. I did, and he said, 'Man, that made my whole day.'"

Ray didn't see that officer for two or three years, but when they did meet, his neighbor told him: "James, I'll never forget the day you taught me the 23rd Psalm. I've been using it and teaching it to all my roommates."

During his time in Hanoi, Ray was able to remember most of I Cor. 13, but was missing a couple of lines and had some of it out of sequence.

"When we got the Bible for the first time in December of 1970, we stood

up and read portions of it aloud. As time was running out I slipped through to I. Cor. 13 and read through it. I got it memorized because we weren't sure if we'd ever see the Bible again."

Ray also mentioned the 109th and 121st Psalms and Romans 12 as passages that helped sustain him during his captivity. They also helped him sustain close quarters during a time of "two men to a room."

His first roommate was a Mormon, and while they did have irritations between them and Ray could not accept Mormon beliefs, he noted that their times of Bible study together and their common belief in Christ kept their differences at a far lower level than was common among others in the camp.

After the men were allowed to meet together in large groups, the prisoners organized worship services, Sunday School groups to study scripture, and general discussions of religion and differences between denominations.

"It was during those discussions I found that we have so many common denominators with other Christian groups that the areas where we do differ are minor," Ray observed. "and even though some of the differences are fairly important, I think the common denominator we have in Christ should be emphasized," he added.

Ray, who had helped organize Sunday night fellowships at First Baptist Conroe and had even preached at youth revivals and at Student night at Christmas, used his past experience to help organize the worship services at the POW camp in North Vietnam.

At the Thanksgiving season of 1970, the North Vietnamese decided for security reasons to put the prisoners together into large rooms. Ray was in a room with 57 POWs.

"Those Thanksgiving and Christmas services were the most meaningful I had ever been a part of," Ray recounted. The beginning of the



Coming Home — Air Force Capt. James E. Ray, a member of First Baptist Church, Conroe, Tex., strides to the platform to accept the thanks and admiration of the people of his home town. Ray, 31, was a leader among his church's youth and was a Baptist Student Union president at Texas A&M. He told Baptist Press of the tenacity of Christians' faith during his POW days in the "Hanoi Hilton." (Baptist Press photo by Larry Jerden.)

group religious activities was a major factor in maintaining morale among the prisoners, he added.

One Easter, the men were able to piece together enough scripture about the Last Supper to have a communion service, using orange and rice wine. Ray helped write the order of service for that first Easter worship experience, and Capt. Tom Curtis of Houston presided.

Once something of a "routine" was established, regular church call was held every Sunday. The service was divided into patriotic and religious parts. The patriotic segment included use of a clandestine U. S. Flag and a cross placed on one wall, the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and the singing of a patriotic song.

The men would sing the Doxology, pray, sing one or two hymns, and listen to a devotional talk. Ray gave several of the "sermons," including one on why Southern Baptists feel a public profession of faith should be an integral part of one's Christian experience.

These factors resulted in personal integrity, social discipline and social responsibility — things he said he and the other POWs hope to emphasize in months to come.

All of these, he said, helped sustain the men. But most of all it was their faith — and that included knowledge that they were not forgotten, that

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Kong Accepts Hawaii Baptist Academy Post

Rev. Dan H. Kong was elected Vice President - Development Director of Hawaii Baptist Academy by the Hawaii Baptist School Committee. He will begin his duties on May 1.

The election of Mr. Kong to this position is especially significant because of the current campaign to construct new facilities on the recently purchased property in Nuuanu.

Dan Kong submitted his resignation as pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, the oldest and largest Baptist church in Honolulu, Sunday morning, March 18. He has served at Olivet for 13 years.

A native of Honolulu, he is married to the former Mary Eleanor Bradock who is a native of Ripley, Mississippi. They have four daughters.

America would not let him down, the people back home were praying for him, and that God would not forsake them.

For Ray, the power of that prayer, coming from members of First Baptist Church here, was real and powerful, even though it sometimes came from people who had never met Ray.

One four-year-old, the granddaughter of one of Ray's former youth leaders at the church, said the day before she met him for the first time: "I know James Ray — I pray for him every night: 'God bless mommy, God bless daddy, and God bless James Ray.'"

EDITORS NOTES: When Air Force Capt. James E. Ray returned home the first weekend in March, he was greeted by his church and by a celebration attended by more than 5,000 in the high school stadium. He granted his first exclusive interview after his return to Baptist Standard Assistant Editor Larry Jerden.

Carolyn Madison Retires After 32½ Years In Sunday School Work

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

March 23 was Carolyn Madison Day at the Baptist Building. In the morning chapel service Dr. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, and Bryant Cummings, Sunday School Department director, spoke words of commendation and appreciation. Dennis Conniff, Jr., associate in the Sunday School Department, showed an informal and entertaining collection of pictures from Miss Madison's past.

Also on that Friday morning, gifts were presented to Miss Madison — cosmetic case to match her luggage and a group of letters from the Baptist Building employees.

Her collection of butterfly pins is Carolyn Madison's trademark. Since she has spent 32½ years, and more,

"Ironing Board"

Writer Wins Women's Writing Contest

Mrs. James ("Wilda") Fancher, writer of "Beyond the Ironing Board" in the Baptist Record, has won first place in two categories and third place in a third category of the Mississippi Press Women's Writing Contest.

For her book, *The Christian Woman in the Christian Home* (books for adults category), she won first place.

For "The Last Word," her personal column published each Sunday in the *Clarion-Ledger - Jackson Daily News* (daily over 100,000 category), she won first place. For her "Beyond the Ironing Board" column in the *Baptist Record* (special interest publication), she won third place. MEA won first and "Mississippi Sportsman" second. Twenty-seven personal columns were entered.

The entries which won first place will now go on to national competition.

molding and influencing children's lives as fragile and exquisite as the butterfly pins, it was significant that her service pin should be mounted on a delicate gold butterfly. The pin represented 32½ years of service to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, October 15, 1940 — March 21, 1973.

On the last day of March, Miss Madison officially retired. Her record of service is one of the longest in the long list of Convention Board employees. Only two or three or four have served longer.

In February she had already been honored with a banquet and reception. The banquet was the high point of the state Vacation Bible School Clinic held at Parkway Church, Jackson, February 12 and 13. At Parkway Church, Miss Madison has been a member since moving to Jackson in 1940, continuously holding active places of leadership in both Sunday School and Church Training. Those on the banquet program represented the church, the Sunday School Department, the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. They included Curtis Beard, Bryant Cummings, Dennis Conniff, Jr., Dr. Bill Causey (her pastor), Harold Marsh, Mark Moore, Dr. Robert Hamlin, and Dr. David Grant.

At the banquet she was presented gifts of money and other items, including a bound book of letters.

During the state Religious Education Association meeting in Biloxi, a reception was held in her honor.

And the Sunday School Department invited her to be the guest of honor at a dinner on Friday night, March 30.

Miss Madison was born in Brooksville, Miss., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Madison. Of her three sisters and two brothers, only one sister is still living. This sister, Mrs. Jim McElroy, and Carolyn live at 129

Lexington Street in Jackson. With her love for children, Carolyn naturally enjoys being aunt for three nieces and ten great nieces and great-nephews.

She graduated from Brooksville High School and Blue Mountain College, did graduate work at Peabody, and studied summers at both New Orleans and Southwestern Seminaries. Before beginning work with the Sunday School Department, she taught second grade seven years at Utica and three years at Philadelphia. While teaching, she spent her summers as a special worker with the state Sunday School and Training Union Departments.

In 1940, she began work in the first of the three Baptist buildings, in a one-room Sunday School Department, one of three workers in the department. In the beginning she worked with children from birth through Junior age. As the department grew, she was relieved of the Junior work and was employed in kindergarten and day care work, Cradle Roll, Nursery, Beginner, and Primary. Now her work is with preschool children, kindergarten, and day care.

During the early years, the Sunday School workers traveled only by train or by bus. Neither did they stay in hotels or motels, but in people's homes. Her letter, which follows this article, tells more of the early times.

In those days she stayed in some primitive places, with no screens, no electricity, no plumbing. "You wouldn't believe some of them," she declares. One amusing week she especially remembers, "The preacher said his congregation never sat still through a whole sermon. He told me to expect anything, for sometimes one or two would even go out to the wagon, get a bucket of water, and pass it around while people drank from a dipper. The first afternoon I was there, I noticed one man sitting outside on the doorstep. I got up and said, 'Now I know it's hot, and I'll be the hottest one here, for I'll be doing the work. I've heard of people walking in and out during services, but I wouldn't like for that to happen while I'm teaching. I appoint the man in the doorway to be a committee of one to see that no one goes out the door.' No one went out that day, and the preacher said it was the first time in his ministry at that place when they all sat still through the whole service. Next day the man on the doorstep sat inside on a pew."

Miss Madison has worked in every county of the state. The summers of her first years with the Sunday School Department were spent conducting Vacation Bible Schools in small churches which needed leadership guidance. As a result of these Bible schools, many boys and girls accepted Christ as Savior. One of the most outstanding that she remembers

for permitting me to work with and for you during these past thirty-two and a half years. They have been happy, and I hope helpful, years. You have been patient and kind to me as you have allowed me to come into your churches and seek to help your people do a better job of teaching the Bible to the littlest boys and girls. My prayer is that some of the seeds sown will spring up and bring forth much fruit. I'll be careful to give all the praise to God, for I know that without Him I could not have done anything."

During this time I have been privileged to work in each of our seventy-six associations, 1452 churches and all four of our colleges. Besides attending Southern Baptist Conventions and Convention-wide assemblies, I have worked in seventeen other states in our Conventions.

Many changes have taken place in these years. I have seen our Sunday Schools grow from 1,367 with an enrollment of 150,133 in 1940 to 1,800 with an enrollment of 311,475 in 1972. In 1940 there were 334 Vacation Bible Schools with an enrollment of 26,133. Last year we had 1401 Vacation Bible Schools with an enrollment of 133,560.

From one room approximately 30 feet square which housed

Now that she has retired, she will have much more time for knitting "Cal-line's famous Christmas stockings."

Also she plans to work from time to time in pioneer areas of the convention, with the Home Mission Board, and to work in conferences and assemblies where needed.

Mr. Cummings says, "Carolyn is sincere and deliberate in her ministry. She understands the elementary child, his needs and desires. Her relationship with leadership and children in this age group has always been thorough and in detail. Our department has been fortunate to have her service and talents for these 32½ years in Mississippi. I want to offer my grateful word of appreciation."

Dr. Hudgins puts it this way: "In these 32½ years she has touched as many families and more children than any individual I've known in a long time. She has done a wonderful job with children."

In the following letter, Miss Madison speaks for herself:

A Letter From Carolyn



Dr. Hudgins presents Miss Madison with a book of letters from employees in the Baptist Building.

Appointment Service Set For Mobile FMB Meeting

RICHMOND — A special appointment service for approximately 25 overseas missionary candidates of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will be held at the Mobile (Ala.) Municipal Auditorium April 10. The service is to begin at 7:15 p.m.

The ceremony will be part of the spring meeting of the full board which begins Monday, April 9, and concludes Wednesday, April 11. The public is invited to attend the Tuesday evening appointment service and a business session beginning 9 a.m. Wednesday at Dauphin Way Baptist Church.

Mobile will be the first Alabama

city to host such a meeting. The Foreign Mission Board usually meets in Richmond, although at least once a year for the past four years it has met in another city.

This is "to allow Baptist people to participate more directly in the appointment of the missionaries whom they support," says Jesse C. Fletcher, the board's mission support director.

Most of the 67 members of the Foreign Mission Board, including three from Alabama, along with some of the Richmond headquarters staff are expected to be present for the three-day meeting.

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Today's Youth



To Sing At Young Musicians Festival

The Foundation Singers, under the direction of Mark Tullus, will be guest musicians at the Young Musicians Festival to be held in the Coliseum on April 14. This musical group, consisting of nine dedicated college young people, is well known in Mississippi churches and schools. The Singers will sing in high schools in the Jackson area on Friday, April 13, and will be at the Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, on Friday evening, April 13, 7 p.m. They will participate in both services at Parkway Church, Jackson, on Sunday morning, April 15.

"Jesus Freak" ... Then What?

By Jimmy Bridges, Jackson

The scene is a small rural church in central Mississippi. A young man of 19 kneels in prayer asking God for strength and guidance and at the same time wondering why God had placed him in this terrible position.

The church is Edwards Baptist Church and I the young man. The feeling of dismay over my situation was often the case during the first few months of my ministry as youth and music director and at times, it seemed as if God had forgotten his new servant. Many times I even wondered about my actual salvation experience. Thus began my search for Christian fulfillment. But before I continue, I must backtrack just a little.

It's hard to pinpoint exactly when I was saved, because for a long time I really thought I was. But then one day I suddenly realized: I had never experienced a close relationship with the Lord and I wasn't sure I knew how to. I had fooled a lot of people and they really thought I was a good Christian, but the truth was that I had never given Jesus my all.

Time went on and I was swept along with the tide of stagnant believers and I was persuaded by a friend to go with him to Dallas for the final rally of a thing called EXPLO '72. We joined the mass of some 4 million young people from all parts of the world gathered together for the fantastic Christian Rock festival.

Before I knew what was happening, the excitement and enthusiasm of the thousands of young Christians around me led me to commit my life fully to Jesus Christ. (Later, I realized it was the work of the Holy Spirit) I went back home and accepted a job in a small church near my school, ready to set the world on fire for the Lord.

To my dismay, things didn't work out just as I had planned. I would try to have programs in the church, I tried to tell my friends that I had changed, I carried my Bible with me, wore a cross and even became known as "one of those Jesus Freaks," but the world wasn't even getting warm, much less set on fire.

Finally, while with some people from school, I was asked to participate in some things that I knew would displease the Lord and I simply explained my faith. As a result of my

Two Young Men Guest Speakers At Clear Creek

Clear Creek Church, Shubuta, in Wayne County, heard guest speakers at morning and evening services on March 18. Both speakers were young men. Mickey Blackwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Blackwell of Petal, junior at Petal High School, and member of the Petal - Harvey Church, spoke at the morning service. In addition, he demonstrated the correct procedure for a sword drill, assisted by Steve and David Blackwell, his younger brothers.

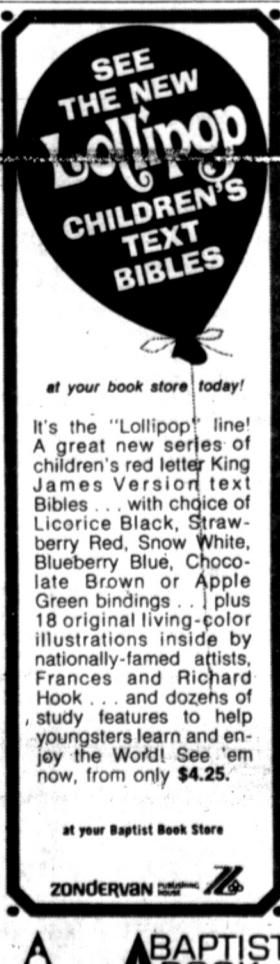
The evening speaker was Jim Bogan, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Bogan, superintendent of missions for Clarke and Wayne counties. Jim is a senior at Waynesboro Central and a member of Riverside Church.

Rev. Billy Ray Blackwell is pastor.

Oktibbeha Youth Plan Annual Meeting Apr. 27

Young people of Oktibbeha Association are planning Annual Youth Night services for April 27, at First Church, Starkville, at 7:00 o'clock.

The youth organization of Oktibbeha Association met March 6, and president, Kathy Buckner, First Church, Starkville; vice-president, Mann Williams, First Church, Maben; secretary, Tammy Bankston, Bethesda Church, Crawford; pianist, Lisa Jefferies, Friendship Church, Sturgis; publicity chairman, Ed Daniel, First Church, Starkville.



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Coffeehouse: To Be Continued



In a coffeehouse they started, Baptist and other MKs in Belém, Brazil, provide entertainment, refreshment and a gospel witness for young people in a neighborhood with no evangelical church. Poster depicts Christ as the "sure way."

By Anita Frazier
Missionary, Brazil

Some wonderful things have started happening to and through our MKs in Belém, Brazil, as well as their classmates, missionary kids of other denominations.

It began when a member of the David Wilkerson team visited the Amazon Valley Academy where the MKs go to high school. They talked and prayed together until nearly dark. Then some of the boys hung hammocks in the school and the prayer and discussion continued until, one by one, they committed themselves to the Lord.

A group got together to pray each day at noon. Their parties became prayer meetings, and on Fridays they began meeting for Bible study. Parents were amazed to see once rebellious

Youth, My Beloved Youth

By Mark Leggett, Columbia, Age 15

Youth and I are long acquainted. From when he was master of the day. Then

My youth of laughter, and long care-free,

Left,

And in came a harsher master. Who demanded seriousness and self-control.

He brought tears to my eyes

For he was not at all like my favorite

Youth.

But for short instances Youth with his uncontrollable silliness returns. And my new master is forgotten.

United One's To Present Jackson

Premiere Of "It's Getting Late"

The United One's from Ridgeland Church will present the Jackson premiere of Cam Floria's newest musical, "It's Getting Late" on Sunday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Ridgeland Church.

Under the direction of Lynn Madden, the church's minister of music and youth, this musical describes the prophetic events surrounding the end of time and the second coming of Jesus Christ. It is adapted from Hal Lindsey's book, "The Late Great Planet Earth."

There are two major emphases in this musical: "One, Jesus Christ will return according to Scripture. Two, are you, as an individual, prepared in a spiritual way to enter these last days?"

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had little luck in searching out "guests." Few were in town and those few met the idea with coolness, if not hostility.

After discussing the situation and praying together, the group — five boys and five girls — decided to convert their "crash pad" into a coffeehouse. They went to work right away, building simple tables and benches, painting posters, borrowing popcorn poppers and dishes, arranging for guitars and amplifiers.

According to adult standards, plans and preparations were helter-skelter. (Continued on page 8)

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Ten students from Univ. of Southern Mississippi — Abe Howze, Julia Redditt, Becky Shannon, Juanita Sims, John Sommers, David Walker, Jackie Valentine, Sherry Vann, Fred Vann, and Paul VanZandt — and Skip Noble, associate BSU director, spent quarter break in Brookings, South Dakota, on a mission trip to the University of South Dakota located there.

The group traveled to South Dakota in a mini-bus and stayed in the home of the Woody Northcutt family. Mr. Northcutt is a Baptist minister. The team engaged in personal witnessing on the campus. A devotion was held each morning at the United Ministries Chapel. A program was presented each evening in the union building at the University. Following the presentation the audience was invited to participate in discussion groups. A special entertainment program and testimonies were given in "The Jungle" of the Union Cafeteria. The next evening a coffee house was held in Brookings.

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Christ Suffered On The Cross For Our Sins

By Clifton J. Allen

The cross is much more than the chief symbol of the Christian faith. It declares the fact that Christ died for our sins. This readily explains why the apostles and other New Testament writers make the sufferings of Christ along with the fact and significance of his resurrection the central thrust of the New Testament witness. The sufferings of Christ were anticipated by Old Testament types and rituals and, more especially, by the prophetic portrayal of the vicarious suffering of the servant of the Lord which we have in Isaiah 53. Jesus never wavered from his purpose to offer himself in order to seal the new covenant of salvation by the shedding of his blood for the remission of sins. His death therefore has become our life and his sufferings our example that we may walk in his steps.

The Lesson Explained

VICARIOUS SUFFERING

(Isa. 53:4-6)

In this matchless chapter of Isaiah the writer is describing the suffering of the Servant of the Lord. Very properly we look back on this chapter and see its perfect fulfillment in the death of Christ and discover its wondrous meaning in the light of his suffering for the sins of men.

Christ indeed bore our griefs and sorrows, our diseases and pains. He did this in sharing our humanity. But

actually and primarily, he bore the griefs and sorrows and sickness of our sins. His sufferings were in every sense vicarious. His wounds and bruises, his chastisement and buffeting, his scourging and torture, were not for any wrong he had done; they were for our transgressions, our iniquities, our disobedience, our wickedness and guilt before God. And the measure of his suffering was the indescribable horror of the desolation of the cross, the terror of God's wrath against sin, the shame of being made sin though he had never committed sin, as the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all. Our sin was our folly in going astray from God and our wickedness in rebelling against him and our self-centeredness in wanting to follow our way instead of God's way.

THE WILLING SACRIFICE

(Isa. 53:7-9)

Though treated with contempt by his enemies and exposed to unrestrained mockery and cruelty by those responsible for his death, Christ did not protest. He was oppressed and afflicted, but he did not complain. He indulged in no self-pity. He would not save himself. His humiliation he accepted with meekness; his indescribable suffering he endured with fortitude. He was stricken and slain for sinners. He died in the company of criminals. His burial was in the tomb of the rich. He suffered the violent death of crucifixion though he had done no violence. There was no deceit in him, but he bore the guilt of all liars and all the defamers of

truth and goodness. The glory of his death, was the fulness and finality of his propitiation for the sins of the world and the power of his love to draw people out of the depths of sin into the joy and strength of the salvation of God.

CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

(1 Pet. 2:24-25)

This response, first of all, should be one of godly repentance and sincere faith. The very wonder of the love of Christ should constrain the unbeliever to turn from the emptiness and ruin and misery and guilt of unbelief and iniquity and accept the forgiveness of sins and sonship in the family of God. But our lesson passage is addressed pointedly to Christians. What should be our response? Christ has given us an example that we might follow in his steps. We are to suffer innocently. We are to endure suffering without complaint, without guile or deceit, without a desire to retaliate, with a willingness to leave our case in the hands of God. He died for us that we might die to sin and live for the attainment and demonstration of righteousness. Our lives are to show forth the fruits of righteousness and love.

We are to have stamped on our memories the sacrifice Christ made in our behalf. We have been healed by his stripes. Though acknowledging him as Lord, we have often strayed from the path of wholehearted obedience. The recall and realization of his sufferings should have drawn us back in penitent confession and renewed commitment, with assurance

that our Great Shepherd will be the guardian of our souls and lead us into the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. If we remember the cross, how can we ever turn away?

Truths to Live By

Christ's death is the means of redemption from sin. — Hard theological words sometimes make the meaning abstract. We should strive to understand them. His death met the demands of God's righteousness. His death atones for or makes amends for the guilt of sin. God does not have to be appeased. He has acted through Christ's death for our reconciliation. He has dealt with sin so that we need no longer be under condemnation for sin or without his forgiveness for sins if only we will acknowledge his grace in Christ and accept Christ's death as our redemption.

We see ourselves, our sins, and our guilt on the death of Christ. — His death is not just an event in history, not chiefly a theological concept, not just a subject for religious dialogue. The death of Christ impinges on every person; he tasted death for every man (Heb. 2:9). Sin is personal. Guilt is personal. Christ's death therefore was made necessary by our disobedience and our estrangement from God. When we are willing to see ourselves in the awful anguish and shame of the cross, we shall find springing up in our hearts the godly repentance that brings forgiveness and assurance of God's grace that brings peace.

Belief must become commitment and involvement. — To affirm our

belief in the death of Christ and not yield ourselves to the purpose of his death and the meaning of his sacrifice would be useless. Affirmation means commitment to something, conviction about a reality or involvement in a cause or loyalty to a person. Our belief in the cross must be all of this and more. We acknowledge our involvement in the judgment of the cross. We acknowledge our trust in the sacrifice of the cross. We acknowledge our involvement in the principle of the cross as the way of life for the followers of Christ. We believe in the death of Christ if we are willing to live for Christ.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Love—The More Excellent Way

I Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13

By Bill Duncan

This passage of scripture is called by many their favorite Bible chapter. But it also has been called the greatest piece of literature ever penned by the hand of man. Through the centuries, this passage has acclaimed incomparable prestige. As one studies this, he is made aware of the great life that Jesus Christ lived while here on earth, as a demonstration of Christian love.

The Value of Love 1 - 3

Paul begins by declaring that a man may possess any kind of spiritual gift but if that gift is to be of value, it must be accompanied by love. Love is that element of the Christian's life that enables all of the gifts to be meaningful.

(1) A man may possess the gift of tongues. If the coveted gift of tongues is not accomplished by love, it becomes nothing more than an utterance which is selfish in nature. (2) He may have a gift of prophecy. Prophecy speaks in terms of foretelling the future which is desired by many. The gift of prophecy is a warning type of message and if it does not have love in it, it becomes a threat instead of a message of hope and love. (3) He may have a gift of intellectual knowledge. Only knowledge whose cold attachment has been kindled by the fire of love can really serve man. (4) He may have an abundance of faith. This may be a miracle - working faith, but it is absolutely nothing, or meaningless, if it does not have love in its nature. (5) He may practice what men call charity, to help meet the needs of other people. His means of meeting the needs of other people might be out of duty and if his

charity does not know love, it will profit him nothing. (6) He may even be willing to give his body to be burned. If the motive which makes a man give his life for Christ is a motive of pride or self-glory, then martyrdom becomes valueless. All of these things which seem to us to be fine eventually will become nothing, or to no avail, unless we see love in it. The basic idea is that love, as a motivating source, will give value to

relation to other people, but it is in the individual.

Paul then turns to show the relative effect of love in the last seven. Love does not keep an account of evil, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, rejoiceth with the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Here we see the virtues of love as they are demonstrated in relationship to people.

The Virtues of Love 4-7

In describing the virtues of love, Paul is trying to say that this is the fruit of love. There are 14 characteristics given of Christian love. G. Campbell Morgan said this is a "double seven." In the first 7, we see the effect of love upon the individual under the mastery of love. In the second 7, the value of love is seen in its relationship; therefore, the first 7 are personal and the second are relative.

What does love do in the individual? In every case we see the individual who is love - mastered acting toward other people. Love does not suffer long; it is kind. Love does not envy. Love vaunts not itself. Love is not puffed up. Love does not behave itself unseemingly. Love seeketh not its own. Love is not provoked. These are the descriptions of what the love does to the individual. All the way through, it is the individual in

which transcends death.

We see the reflection of the gospel when we see the reflection in Jesus Christ, but the way of love will lead us to a day in the end when the veil is drawn aside and we see face to

face and then we will know even as we are known.

(3) Love is absolutely supreme. In the end love will be of greater value than faith and hope. Faith without love is cold, and hope without love is grim. Love is a fire which kindles faith, and love is a light which turns hope into certainty. Love never fails. Love never withers. Love is always fresh. Love is at once the strength of faith and the inspiration of hope.

The Billy Graham Crusade in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the summer of 1970 was attended by President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon. Who received the biggest ovation that night — the President, or Billy? Neither. It was the seventy-year-old singer, actress, and TV personality, Ethel Waters.

Here's how it happened. Demonstrators were chanting obscenities. As Ethel stood to sing, she said to them, "I love you, children, but if I were

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125th Anniversary Of Red Banks

Red Banks Church will observe its 125th anniversary with a weekend of special services on Saturday, April 14, and Sunday, April 15.

Saturday's meeting, at 7:30 p.m. will feature an old - fashioned revival service.

On Sunday, Sunday School will begin at 9:45, followed by preaching, dinner served at noon, and singing and other activities in the afternoon.

Rev. Jimmy Welch will preach at 11; Rev. Dennis Renick will preach in the afternoon. All members, former members and friends are invited.

Leake Churches To Honor Pastor, Wife On Golden Wedding Date

Salem and Springfield Churches of Leake County, Carthage, will honor their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Carlisle, with a reception to be held at Salem Church, Carthage, on April 8 from 2 until 4 p.m., the occasion being their golden wedding anniversary. All relatives and friends of the couple are invited.

Lawrence To Hold Simultaneous Revivals

The Lawrence Association is conducting simultaneous revivals April 1-8. Nine churches are involved in this evangelistic effort.

Talmadge Smith, evangelism chairman of Lawrence Association, states, "This simultaneous effort will be a great follow-through to the recent survey, Sunday School enlargement, and other attempts to reach people. Since we know who the prospects are and where they are, now is the time for us to go out in force to carry the Gospel. Unless we reach them, most likely they won't be reached."

Breakfast meetings are planned for pastors, evangelists, and music directors during the week.

REVIVAL RESULTS

First Church, Benndale: Rev. Pat McNair, evangelist; Rev. George Harper, pastor; 14 professions of faith; three additions by letter; one surrendering to preach.

Mt. Moriah (Lincoln) Gives To Ohio Work

For the second time this year Mt. Moriah Church in Lincoln County has given \$500.00 for WMU Mission work in Ohio.

This money buys Acteen Magazines, and sends girls to camp from Ohio. Also the church recently voted to raise the Cooperative Program giving to 22%, including 2% for association-missions.



New Sanctuary Under Construction At Perkinson

Pictured is the groundbreaking service of Perkinson Church, Perkinson, held February 25. A new sanctuary will be constructed by R. E. Paine, General Contractor, Vicksburg. The architect is Warren McCleskey, Hattiesburg. From left to right: (Front Row, standing) Ran-Rayford Rogers, chairman of Building Committee; Ran-

de Dedeaux, church agent; Rev. Carlton H. Peters, pastor; Harold Wesson, chairman of deacons; Bobby Weathers, chairman of Finance Committee. The structure is expected to cost \$75,000. It is hoped that it will be ready for use by July.

Devotional

Operation Homecoming

By Larry W. Fields, Pastor, First, Summit

"For this my son was dead, and is alive again, he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry" (Luke 15:24).

What a joy it has been for us to see our Prisoners of War come home. We thank God for their return from Southeast Asia.

Many of them have been separated from their loved ones and friends for a number of years. We have watched the joyous reunions as families were united with husbands, sons, fathers and brothers. These families have experienced the happiest time of their lives. Our prayers have been with them and we will continue to pray during the period of adjustment.

Elaborate preparations have been made by our government and the Armed Forces for the return of these men. It has been called OPERATION HOMECOMING. Millions of dollars have been spent to make their return just as comfortable and problem free as possible.

Everything from color television sets equipped for taped programs that would bring the men up to date on major news events to flying their families to the military base hospital and housing them at government expense has been carried out.

In short, there is nothing we would not do to make their homecoming as smooth and happy as possible.

A similar experience of elaborate preparation and a joyful homecoming is the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15.

This young man was a Prisoner of Sin, not a Prisoner of War. He returned home thin, bewildered and in rags. He had taken his father's money and wasted it. He had used it in a way contrary to the father's judgment and contrary to the will of God. He asked only to become a servant. But he was welcomed home in a joyous and happy celebration.

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